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SUBJ: ROC-GOJ CIVAIR DEVELOPMENTS

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1. SUMMARY. DEVELOPMENTS DURING PAST WEEK HAVE SPARKED SOME SPECULATION THAT ROC-JAPAN CIVAIR IMPASSE MIGHT BE BROKEN BEFORE INAUGURATION OF TOKYO-PEKING SERVICE. MOFA REGARDS GOJ ATTITUDE AS CONCILIATORY, POINTS OUT GROG IS NOT DEMANDING OUTRIGHT RETRACTION OF OHIRA STATEMENT AS PRICE FOR RESUMPTION OF AIR SERVICE. WHILE TOO EARLY TO FORESEE RESULTS , BOTH CHINESE AND JAPANESE CONTACTS HERE HOPE FUNADA'S SEPTEMBER 8 VISIT WILL RESULT IN BREAKTHROUGH. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL PRESS LAST WEEK ACCORDED RATHER EXTENSIVE
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COVERAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS IN RELATIONS WITH JAPAN,

UNDERSCORING BOTH "GOJ DESIRE" TO RESTORE AIR LINKS
AND GROC POSITION THAT "CAUSE" OF RUPTURE MUST BE
REMOVED. (REFTEL)

3. LIEN HO PAO AUG 2 CARRIED TOKYO DISPATCH
REPORTING GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL'S EXPLANATION THAT APRIL 20
OHIRA STATEMENT IS "MATTER OF THE PAST," ETC.

4. MOFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS
(CHAN MING-HSING) IDENTIFIED GAIMUSHO OFFICIAL AS
VICE MINISTER TOGO. WHILE CHAN CALLED ASAHI VERSION
OF TOGO'S EXPLANATION "CONCILIATORY," HE NOTED SANKEI
AND YOMIURI CARRIED STORY QUOTING TOGO AS STATING
THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY OF RETRACTING APRIL 20 OHIRA STATEMENT.

5. CHAN ALSO SAID GOJ NOW MAKING CONCERTED EFFORT TO
BREAK CIVAIR DEADLOCK, INCLUDING: APPOINTMENT IN
NEAR FUTURE OF AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL OFFICIAL TO HEAD
INTERCHANGE ASSOCIATION IN TAIPEI (NOT YET NAMED);
SEARCH FOR FORMULA TO "OVERCOME" OHIRA STATEMENT;
FORTHCOMING (SEPTEMBER 8) VISIT OF FORMER DIET SPEAKER
NAKA FUNADA, DESCRIBED AS "MOST IMPORTANT JAPANESE
VISITOR SINCE CIVAIR BREAK"; AND INCREASED CONTACTS THROUGH
"OTHER CHANNELS."

6. CHAN (WHO SHOULD NOT BE QUOTED) STRESSED THAT MOFA UNDERSTANDS GOJ
"CANNOT
RETRACT" OHIRA STATEMENT, AND GROC POSITION STATED
BY FONMIN SHEN DELIBERATELY AVOIDED DEMAND FOR OUTRIGHT
RETRACTION. PRECISELY WHAT WILL CONSTITUTE REMOVAL
OF CIVAIR BREAK CAUSE IS MATTER THAT "PREMIER CHIANG
ALONE WILL DECIDE," ACCORDING CHAN.

7. INTERCHANGE ASSOCIATION'S MASAHARU KOMA DESCRIBED
JAPANESE MOVES IN TERMS SIMILAR TO PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE,
NOTING ADDITIONALLY THAT: (A) GOJ MIGHT ENCOUNTER
SOME DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SUITABLE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL
APPOINTEE TO TAIPEI; (B) WHILE FUNADA CAN BE
EXPECTED TO COME WITH NEW FORMULA IN HAND, GAIMUSHO
FAR FROM DECIDED ON WHAT THAT FORMULA SHOULD BE;
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(C) GROC HAS GIVEN NO HINT AS TO WHAT IT WOULD REGARD AS ACCEPTABLE
FORMULA.

AS DURING PRE-BREAK DISCUSSIONS, GROC
LEAVING IT TO JAPAN TO MAKE OFFERS, WITHOUT ITSELF
MAKING PUBLIC OR PRIVATE INDICATIONS OF CHANGE IN
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